

Outgoing
5/027/0025

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Anchor 1 Mine (S/027/0025, UTU-079849) - Desert Mountain Bond Release

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Tue, May 3, 2016 at 6:35 PM

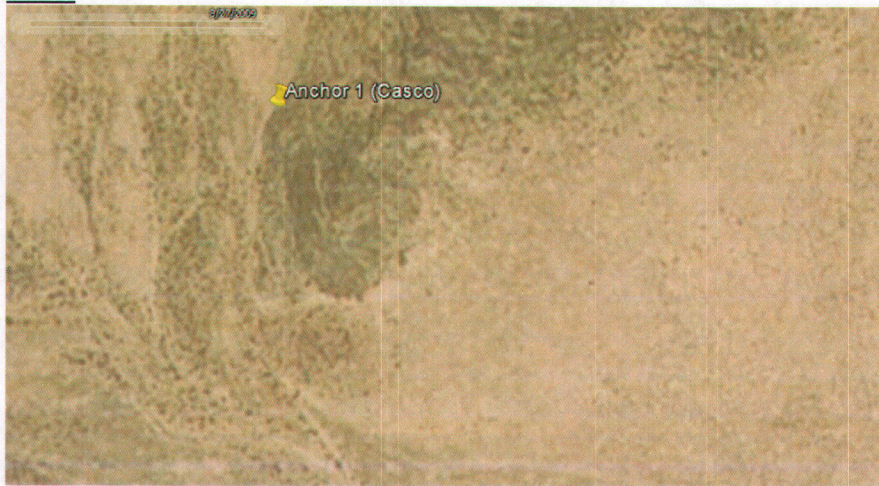
To: "Leeds, Todd" <tleeds@blm.gov>

Cc: Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Hi Todd,

It looks like there's a mine ID difference that might be playing into this. The Casco Group's mine (Anchor Products 1 mine) is numbered S/027/0025. BLM numbers in our records for this site are UTU-070665 and UTU-079849. (The mine number you referenced, S/027/0029, is for a nearby "mine" of Virginia Gehre and Daniel Land, for which we have UTU-070668. I'll send a separate email about that...)

Some 2014 photos are attached: No production has been reported at this site since 2006 on our records. After 10 years of inactivity, our rules require the operator to reclaim, so our approach would be to send a letter requiring them to reclaim by a date near the end of 2016 (e.g. November or early December). However, Google Earth suggests notable disturbance occurred sometime between 2009 and 2011.

2009:2011:

So unless they have lost or lose their BLM authorization to mine, we probably wouldn't have a good reason to require reclamation on our end right now. It's small (<0.2 ac), and on the outcrop. We would need to require that they update their contacts in their Notice and renew their business license, which expired in 2010.

Paul may or may not have some other thoughts.

Peter

On Tue, May 3, 2016 at 8:04 AM, Leeds, Todd <tleeds@blm.gov> wrote:

Thanks,

That helps, we have received nothing from them. I am going to look into requesting cost recovery for a validity exam and escrow until it is resolved. An exam could cost \$50k and will not be worth it for them. It would be much simpler to buy the material from a Community Pit..

On Tue, May 3, 2016 at 7:40 AM, Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov> wrote:

The small mining operation progress report is the annual report. We didn't receive one this year, but they reported 0.5 and 1 ton of production in 2013 and 2014. The annual permit fees have been paid. I'm not at all familiar with the site but suspect Peter can enlighten me.

On Tue, May 3, 2016 at 7:24 AM, Leeds, Todd <tleeds@blm.gov> wrote:

Thanks Paul,

Let me know when a good time to talk is or feel free to call me anytime.

Also, one more project I would like to close. The Casco Group Anchor small mine (S2700029) has been inactive for years. Our last letter in 2014 notified them that they need to inform BLM of future plans or commence reclamation within 60 days. BLM did not receive a response, I believe that is time to classify this site as abandoned. Do you have any info otherwise? DOGM files list a Small Mining Operation Progress Report, I am not sure what this is. This site has a common/uncommon conflict identified and would likely require a validity exam. In addition, there are no active claims. I cc'd Peter since this is in Millard County. I would suggest to Casco that this material is available at a Community Pit. BLM is in the process of designating a 2nd Community Pit at the former Feller site nearby.

Todd

On Tue, May 3, 2016 at 7:00 AM, Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov> wrote:

Thank you for the message. We've been waiting for the BLM to make a decision about this so we would know what to do. I agree we need to decide exactly what reclamation work needs to be done.

George Finnegan has not been particularly responsive lately though he has picked up some of his mail. He has two outstanding cessation orders with fines totaling \$24,010, and we have withdrawn his notice of intention. We currently hold a bond of \$33,250 in the form of a CD at Wells Fargo.

On Mon, May 2, 2016 at 5:22 PM, Leeds, Todd <tleeds@blm.gov> wrote:

Wayne and Paul,

I would like to discuss closure of the open case file for Zadok/ Resource Design at Desert Mountain. BLM has completed the process for the Community Pit which is now active. Your records indicate two projects ID's for the site:

S0230112; and

M023067.

Before BLM will agree to bond release, the current operator should be responsible for some reclamation, mainly erosion control on two roads onsite. I estimate a day of placing water bars and similar structures onsite. One other potential idea is to require complete reclamation of the two roads and limit site use to already blasted areas. The roads lead to an area that has not been blasted (BLM preference)

One current Community Pit customer plans on only removing rock that has previously been blasted.

I suggest arranging a time to discuss this via a call.

Best,

Todd

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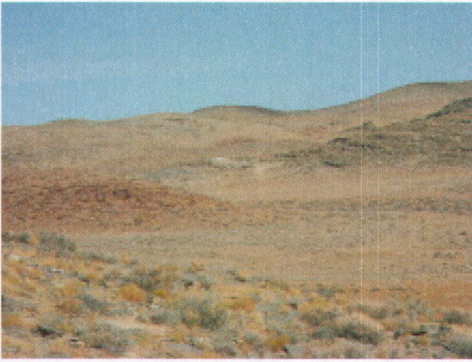
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